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TRUMP'S MUSLIM BAN

Toronto school boards pulling a Girl Guides and nixing U.S. trips

Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

The Toronto District School Board is halting student trips to the U.S., citing President Donald Trump's travel ban.

Uncertainty around the restrictions, which primarily effect people born in several Muslim-majority countries, was a key factor in the board's decision, director of education John Malloy said Thursday.

"We do not make this decision lightly," Malloy said in a release. "But given the uncertainty of these new travel restrictions and when they come into effect, we strongly believe that our students should not be placed into these situations of potentially being turned away at the border."

Twenty-four cross-border trips that have already been approved will go ahead as planned, he said. However, if any students encounter problems at the border, all students on that trip will return home, he added. In the meantime, no new school trips to the U.S. will be approved by the board, which represents nearly 250,000 students attending 584 schools across the city.

The TDSB is just one of many organizations that have been forced to rethink travel to the U.S. in light of the Trump administration's actions. Girl Guides Canada took the same step earlier this month.

The Trump administration issued its first travel ban in January, which denied entry to citizens of Middle Eastern and African countries, but it was eventually overturned by the courts. Unwilling to back down, the White House issued a revised executive order, which was blocked by a Hawaiian judge and is currently being appealed by White House lawyers.

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2017 BUDGET

Lakes need pool of funds

ENVIRONMENT

Infrastructure money would be big help, say advocates

Sarah-Joyce Battersby
Metro | Toronto

Canadian politicians are speaking up, but they need to step up more to protect the Great Lakes, say advocates. In the wake of President Trump's proposed $300 million in cuts to a Great Lakes restoration program, governments on this side of the border seem to be taking a wait and see approach.

The federal budget, unveiled Wednesday, included more than $100 million over five years for general fresh water projects and fighting invasive species, said Tony Maas, manager of strategy for non-profit Freshwater Future — though nothing branded as a Great Lakes program. The billions the feds earmarked for infrastructure could also indirectly help the lakes. But a dedicated pool of funds, similar to the U.S. program, would send a clear message that restoring and protecting the lakes is a priority, he said.

Advocates calling on feds to make the Great Lakes a priority in wake of U.S. President Donald Trump's cuts to the country's restoration program. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Even if the U.S. cuts are stopped, which won't be clear until the fall, "it shouldn't and it can't" let Canada off the hook, he said. "What we want is a race to the top, not a race to the bottom."

There's a lot at stake for Ontario. The province's shoreline is larger than the eight U.S. Great Lakes states combined, according to Krystyn Tully, vice president of Lake Ontario Waterkeeper.

If any of the money the feds earmarked for infrastructure were devoted to eliminating sewage discharge into the Great Lakes, it would be "transformative," Tully said.

"If we want to make a difference, then Ontario and Canada have the power to do it," she said. "The tools are there, the pieces are all there," she said of the federal budget.

In Toronto, Coun. Mark Grimes will introduce a motion at council next week calling on the city to add its voice to the chorus denouncing Trump's cuts. He called the move, which comes in tandem with a similar one in Mississauga, an "act of solidarity."

Though it's a "wonderful and important" gesture, Tully says Toronto could make more concrete efforts, like managing its sewage treatment systems, adding the city is the largest surface water polluter in Canada. (Grimes says the city is already working on the issue.)

City $7B short on projects

Toronto is still more than $7 billion short of what it requires to pay for urgently needed transit projects, despite an injection of funding from the 2017 federal budget.

Following the release of the Liberals' spending plan Wednesday, Mayor John Tory's office praised what it estimated would be a $5-billion investment for Toronto under the second phase of the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund. A statement from Tory said the money would provide "major benefits" for residents of the traffic-clogged city.

The federal government wouldn't verify the mayor's $5-billion estimate Thursday, but did confirm the funding would include $660 million that Ottawa had already pledged towards the one-stop Scarborough subway extension.

If the mayor's math is right, that would leave the city with about $4.3 billion to spend on other priority projects that are partially or completely unfunded and include the relief line subway, the Eglinton East LRT, and Tory's SmartTrack plan.

Speaking by phone from India, where he has been conducting a trade mission, Tory put the burden on the province, telling reporters it was time for Queen's Park to "step in and do its part."

The federal contribution is "most welcome," he said, but "now we have to move forward and see what the provincial budget does." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Advocates rail against loss of transit pass tax credit

David Hains
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's transit advocates don't want Justin Trudeau to make their Metropass even more expensive.

The 2017 federal budget included a surprise proposal to cancel the tax deduction for unlimited-use transit passes, referred to as an "ineffective tax measure."

Critics of the proposal say transit is already too expensive, more operating funding is needed and the federal government hasn't provided enough information to evaluate the effectiveness of the tax credit.

For transit riders who buy a $146.25 Metropass, the 15 per cent tax credit works out to $21.98 a month, or $263.70 per year. That would be equivalent to a 10 per cent property-tax hike on an average household in Toronto.

Adam Vaughan, Liberal MP for Spadina-Fort York, told Metro that the tax credit is "vastly underused" and is mostly claimed by affluent Canadians.

"With the rise of TTC fares, low-income Canadians have less access to the pass," he said, adding that one of the credit's shortcomings was that only people who earn a sufficient income benefit from the tax deduction.

Only 40 per cent of low-income Torontonians were eligible, according to a 2016 TTC report.

Vaughan explained that some priorities had to be shifted in order to fund the $20.1-billion investment in building transit. He highlighted that the federal government will now help fund state-of-good-repair projects, which should indirectly ease operating-cost burdens for municipalities.

TTC Chair Josh Colle told Metro on Wednesday he would like more data to understand the federal government's decision. TTC spokesperson Brad Ross wrote in an email that transit staff will provide an analysis of what the cancelled tax credit could mean for ridership and revenue at its next board meeting April 20.

The Ministry of Finance cited three independent studies from 2014 to 2016 that concluded the Public Transit Tax Credit doesn't achieve its goals.

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Bar wants quick return of cheetah

THEFT

Animal statue was stolen from Kensington pub on Monday

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Please bring our iconic cheetah back.

That's the plea from a popular Kensington market bar where a beloved three-and-a-half foot animal statue was allegedly swiped by drunken revellers Monday night.

Rachel Conduit, owner of Handlebar, said the cheetah was last seen wearing a pink feather boa in the arms of a woman in a red coat running north on Augusta Avenue.

"One of our customers actually chased after them, and ran after them for an entire block but then they got away," Conduit said of the group of "party people" she believes nabbed the statue.

Nicknamed "Sermal" the cheetah has the distinguishing feature of a bit of duct tape on one of its paws.

It usually sits beside a pinball machine called Jungle Lord at the bar.

Conduit is sad to lose the "icon" she's had for about six years.

It has particular sentimental value as a gift from her then boyfriend, now husband.

The three-and-a-half-foot animal statue was stolen from a Kensington Market bar on Monday night. Owner Rachel Conduit is making a public appeal to get it back. COURTESY RACHEL CONDUIT

"I think he found it in a parking lot. Hopefully it hasn't returned to where it came from," she said.

Intoxicated customers stealing curiosities from the bar have long been a problem said Conduit, but this is the biggest thing anyone has stolen.

A brass horse lamp previously went missing and people try to steal a mannequin "all the time."

"They take so much," she said. "My logic now is nothing smaller than an arm-span do I keep in the bar, thinking people won't take anything that big. But they still do."

Conduit has not contacted the police about the cheetah-knapping, but has been in touch with members of a birthday party organized in the bar that night.

She's willing to offer amnesty to get Sermal back, requesting the thieves put him in a taxi and send him back to the bar, "no questions asked."

BOOK CLUB

Getting a read on feminist lit

Josh Sherman
For Metro | Toronto

When sisters Amy and Samantha Saunders watched the Women's March on Washington online in January, they found inspiration for their own activist effort in the age of Trump.

Like the protest, women's rights are central to the Saunders' personal act of resistance: a new monthly book club focusing on feminist literature.

Amy Saunders
CONTRIBUTED

"We missed this critical discussion that you can only really have in university settings," says Amy, who studied critical sexuality at York University.

Wanting to recreate that experience — and also make it accessible for as many people as possible — Amy and Samantha formed the Feminist Book Club on Facebook, and over 200 people quickly signed up.

The group club will meet for the first time this Sunday.

The Feminist Book Club aims to chip away at the ivory tower — or maybe take a sledgehammer to it. "We're kind of hijacking these texts that you would typically find at an elitist educational institute," Amy tells Metro.

"We hope this will be an empowering approach," added Samantha, who earned a master's degree in public policy, administration and law from York.

Club membership costs nothing, PDF files of texts are shared for free via a newsletter, and snacks are provided. "What's an anti-capitalist book club without croissants?" the latest newsletter asks.

DETAILS

- Date: Sunday, March 26th, 2017 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Location: Visit facebook.com/FeministBookClubTO/ to find out more.

For the first reading, the group will discuss the second chapter of bell hooks' Feminism is for Everybody. "It is a more-accessible text that really deciphers what feminism is," Amy says.

Amil Niazi, associate editor at the magazine VICE, is slated to lead the circle discussion on the text.

Funds for research applauded

FEDERAL BUDGET

Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corp. to get $241M

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

From a three-bedroom home in Don Mills that went for $1.5 million over asking to a west-end house that recently sold for 62 per cent more than two years ago, we've all heard the horror stories about how hard it is to buy a house in Toronto.

But there's still so much we don't know, advocates say, and a lack of data is preventing us from making decisions about how the crisis can be curbed.

That's why Wednesday's federal budget pledge of $241 million over 11 years for the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corp. and $39.9 million over the next five years to Statistics Canada is critically important, said Coun. Ana Bailão, Mayor John Tory's housing advocate.

"We all recognize that we need it," she said. "I wasn't expecting to see it as a line item, but it was good to see."

Bailão said all levels of government need to work together to get the data.

"I've been jumping up and down for a long time and I'm happy that people are finally coming to the conclusion that this is a priority and we need to closely look at these issues," she said, "we need action now."

> **There's a bucket of information that we need to collect.**
> Cherise Burda

Some of the new budget money will be put towards the creation of a Housing Statistics Framework, a nationwide database of all properties in Canada with information on all purchases and sales, including foreign ownership.

Money to the CMHC will support expanding research through university networks, something that is already being done in B.C.

Cherise Burda, executive director of Ryerson University's City Building Institute, said data is crucial to understanding why prices are "way up in the stratosphere."

While there is basic information on things like average price, provided by organizations such as the Canadian Real Estate Association, the city needs a more detailed picture of the market.

It's not something that would be difficult to find, it's more a question of just having the political will to do it, she said.

"We need the data on vacant properties, people who are buying multiple properties, not just foreign investment, domestic Canadians," said Burda.

"There's a bucket of information that we need to collect, which shouldn't be that hard." WITH FILES FROM DAVID HAINS

Parkdale tenants rallied on March 16 in the face of rent increases. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

+ MOTION

Coun. Mary Fragedakis has penned a motion of support for rent control at Toronto city council.

If approved, it would be a city endorsement of NDP MPP Peter Tabuns' private member's bill calling on the province to close the loophole that lets landlords raise rent without limits in buildings built after 1991.

Fragedakis' motion says the legislation would protect 150,000 Toronto tenants who live in newer condo and apartment buildings.

Data needed

To solve Toronto's housing crisis certain pieces of data are needed to get a view of the larger picture. **MAY WARREN** METRO

1 What's needed: Number of empty homes

Why it's important: Would help gauge how many investors instead of families are buying property, making it easier to decide if an empty homes tax, home-flipping tax or a foreign buyer's tax would cool the market.

2 What's needed: Location of purchases, residency of the buyer

Why it's important: Would help show who is buying homes and if a foreign buyer's tax makes sense.

Coun. Ana Baiião in Regent Park last summer, speaking about the implementation of the Mayor's "Open Door Program," a plan to boost social housing in the city. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

3 What's needed: Number of homes owned by multiple users

Why it's important: Key to understanding if people are buying for investment purposes.

4 What's needed: Percentage of homes available for under half a million dollars

Why it's important: Some argue there's still affordable stock out there and the top end of the market drags up average figures. This data would show if that's true.

5 What's needed: Average Airbnb occupancy rates by location and host revenue

Why it's important: Would determine how many units are being taken off the market for short-term stays. It's something the city could ask Airbnb to provide as part of regulations being developed.

Hit musical heading here

THEATRE

Hamilton will be part of Mirvish's 2019-2020 season

Sarah-Joyce Battersby
Metro | Toronto

Blockbuster musical Hamilton will get its shot in Toronto, Mirvish Productions announced Thursday.

As part of its 2019-2020 season, Mirvish will host a touring production of Lin-Manuel Miranda's Tony-award winning hip hop musical that tells the story of the founding father without a father.

Thrilled fans did the Internet-equivalent of collectively breaking into song, as they turned on caps lock and took to social media.

"AAAAHH HAMILTON IS COMING TO TORONTO, AND I AM HYPED. I WILL STILL BE HYPED IN 2019," said Twitter user @a_sara_currie.

Phillipa Soo, Christopher Jackson, Lin-Manuel Miranda and Anthony Ramos attend the final performance of Hamilton on Broadway last year. GETTY IMAGES

Mirvish is staying tight-lipped about the production. The company offered no details about the exact dates or which theatre will host the show.

But the city's theatre community is buzzing with excitement, said Mike Ross, music director at the Lower Ossington Theatre.

> **Speak up, you'll have a voice. That's Hamilton.**
> Mike Ross

Ross, who also works with the Toronto Youth Theatre, a non-profit that encourages young people to get involved in performing arts, says the musical has particularly captivated teens with its hip-hop inspired style.

"It's not your standard Wicked and The Lion King, with heavy orchestration and big vocals," he said.

Hamilton is part of a new era of shows, including Dear Evan Hansen, that use more modern stylings and are seeing big success in attracting audiences.

Hamilton's original Broadway run saw tickets selling for thousands of dollars, well over the sticker price.

Though the show has never played here, Ross has constant requests from young people wanting to add a Hamilton song to their audition repertoire.

"Everyone is wanting to put this in their binder," he said. "They're all about it."

Though it's a show about "dead white men," he said it touches on themes popping up a lot in society today, including immigration, race and religion.

His advice for kids wanting to capture the show's essence?

"Speak up, you'll have a voice," he said. "That's Hamilton."

Toronto DIGEST

Airbnb cries foul
Airbnb says it would hurt hosts and guests and discourage competition if it is taxed by the city at a higher rate than the hotel industry. City staff have been asked to look at the impact of taxing short-term rentals at up to 10 per cent, compared to 4 per cent for hotels.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Zoo owner's charges stayed
Michael Hackenberger, who owns the now-closed Bowmanville Zoo, had five animal cruelty charges stayed in a Whitby court Thursday because he had a stroke on Feb. 19 and was "medically unfit" to stand trial, according to Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
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Police 'out of line'
An unarmed Toronto man, Gus Gustavo, 41, who was arrested at gunpoint outside his home and released minutes later says he thinks police were out of line.
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SCIENCE

Sky-watchers celebrate new classifications

Joe Callaghan
Metro | Toronto

Clouds can now wander a little less lonely. Good news for sky-watchers didn't rain so much as pour Thursday as World Meteorological Day was marked by the official unveiling of upwards of a dozen 'new' clouds by the world's weather chiefs. That wasn't all.

The spirits of amateur cloudspotters were sent sky high with the release of a new digital edition of the International Cloud Atlas — the classification system for clouds and meteorological phenomena — which had last been updated in 1987.

The atlas dates back to the 19th century but amateur and scientific cloud observers had long been clambering for an update from the World Meteorological Organization.

"Just like newspapers and everything else, everyone has gone digital right?" laughed Phil Austin, associate professor at the University of British Colombia specializing in cloud physics. "The (Cloud) Atlas has turned out to be quite an important thing to try and reconstruct what clouds looked like in the past. Before there were satellites, there were people watching the sky."

Now all sky-watchers can access the digital Atlas. "It's decades in the making. It's great to see that it's in digital format now so the public can see it," said David Sills, a meteorologist with Environment and Climate Change Canada based in King City, Ont. Here are some of the key cloud changes that swept in.

Asperitas's moment in the sun

After much campaigning from citizen cloudspotters, asperitas was recognized as a new cloud, the atlas describing it "as if viewing a roughened sea surface" from below. "Probably everyone has noticed these once in a while," said Sills. "We see them here in Southern Ontario six or seven times a year. It's quiet dramatic, you'll see social media light up with pictures, especially if it's at sunrise or sunset. People want to know if it's dangerous. This is a classification that allows us to say, 'no it's not dangerous. It has a name and here it is.'"

Volutus comes in from the storm

A whole new species, volutus was quite literally a slow roller. "Sometimes you get a thunderstorm and it produces this gust of cold air that moves out from under it," explains Sills. "Hence that leading edge keeps moving and moving, especially if it's near sunset, it can keep moving overnight."

Citizen observers really matter

Those nice Instagram snaps you take, like this cavum in Hong Kong? They matter.

"Glaciologists trying to track where glaciers are receding have gone on to Flickr and are harvesting upwards of 500,000 to a million photos of glaciers that people have uploaded and used those to track glaciers," explains Austin. "You could imagine similar with clouds."

Human, nature impact felt

Patches of cloud that are formed over forests and waterfalls are among those newly classified, like the cataractagenitus you're likely to see at Niagara Falls.

"There's homogenitus which is anthropogenic (artificial) type of clouds formed from smokestacks or contrails from jets," says Sills. "It isn't a species on its own but it's a special type of cumulus formation like flammagenitus which is a big cumulus cloud caused by a forest fire."

Go catch 'em all

"There's a whole nephology community out there with your typical cloud nerds who have all the names memorized," said Sills, (this one is a fluctus). "It's something fun for everyone. And now more people can get involved."

INDIGENOUS ISSUES

No new spending in federal budget for on-reserve fire safety

Despite "unprecedented" spending for Indigenous issues, the new federal budget doesn't promise a penny more for fire prevention in First Nations communities.

The words "fire protection," "fire prevention," and "fire services" do not appear once in the 90,000-word document, which does include $3.4 billion in new spending for Indigenous people in Canada, on top of the $8.4 billion announced last year.

"There really hasn't been that much dollars allocated to Indigenous peoples, basically ever," Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde said. "It is in that sense unprecedented."

"Our challenge now is to make sure that these resources get out to the communities to have a real, substantive impact on the ground." There is new money for Indigenous health, languages, off-reserve housing and more. On-reserve infrastructure however, which includes fire protection services, will see no new money from the budget.

Fire fighters at the scene of a house fire on Oneida Nation of the Thames, on Dec. 15, 2016 THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Earlier this winter a Torstar News Service investigation revealed that at least 173 people have died in house fires on First Nations reserves since the federal government stopped keeping track of the data in 2010.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

POLITICS

Commons votes to pass motion condemning Islamophobia

The House of Commons has passed a Liberal backbencher's motion calling on federal politicians to condemn Islamophobia.

The motion, known as M-103, became a matter of acrimonious debate, with opponents painting it as a slippery slope towards limiting freedom of speech and even bringing in Sharia law.

Liberals and Conservatives accused one another of playing politics with the rising tide of prejudice and hate crimes facing Canadian Muslims.

MPs adopted the motion by a margin of 201-91.

Liberal MP Iqra Khalid, who sponsored the motion, was applauded loudly by her Liberal fellows as she stood to vote.

The issue even became a bone of contention among Conservative leadership hopefuls.

Candidate Michael Chong voted in favour, while rivals Andrew Scheer, Steven Blaney, Brad Trost, Kellie Leitch, Erin O'Toole and Maxime Bernier voted against.

The motion called on the Commons to condemn Islamophobia and "all forms of systemic racism and religious discrimination." It asked that a Commons committee study how the government can eliminate the problem and collect data on hate crimes.

Last month, the Conservatives proposed their own alternative motion, which was virtually identical except it dropped the word Islamophobia. The Liberals defeated it, contending that it was aimed at watering down Khalid's motion.

Conservative MPs argued that the undefined term Islamophobia could be construed to mean any criticism of Islam. Some also contended that the motion singles out one religion.

Khalid — who endured a barrage of public criticism, some of it offensive and racist, on social media amid the controversy - stoutly defended her motion through its torturous progress through the Commons.

She denounced the claim that the motion would result in Sharia law being imposed in Canada as "outrageous."

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A look at victims of attack near London's Parliament

The five people killed and at least 30 injured in the attack in Westminster were a cosmopolitan snapshot of one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities.

The dead included a British policeman, stabbed repeatedly, an American tourist who was celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary and a school administrator adored in the Spanish town where she spent summer vacations with her family.

Here's what's known about the victims:

Police Officer Keith Palmer, 48, was on duty protecting Parliament Wednesday when he was stabbed to death.

Keith Palmer

He had been a member of the parliamentary and diplomatic protection forces for 15 years, and a soldier in the Royal Artillery before that.

Honouring Palmer, Prime Minister Theresa May said he was "a husband, a father ... he was every inch a hero.

Aysha Frade, a British national whose mother is Spanish, was one of two people killed on the bridge.

Aysha Frade

In the northwestern Spanish town of Betanzos, where her mother was born and her two sisters run an English-language school, the mayor said: "The whole town is shocked."

Although Frade, 43, was born and lived in London, she spent weeks every summer in Betanzos visiting relatives, said Ramon Garcia Vazquez, mayor of the town of 13,000 people in Spain's Galicia region.

Kurt W. Cochran, from the United States, was on the last day of a trip celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary when he was killed, according to the Mormon church his parents-in-law work for.

Kurt Cochran

His wife, Melissa, was seriously injured. She remains hospitalized.

In a tweet, U.S. President Donald Trump called Cochran "a great American" and said: "My prayers and condolences are with his family and friends." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

People at a vigil at Trafalgar Square in London on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

'We are not afraid': May

LONDON

Britain's PM encourages return to normality

Authorities on Thursday identified a 52-year-old Briton as the man who mowed down pedestrians and stabbed a policeman to death outside Parliament, saying he had a long criminal record and once was investigated for extremism — but was not currently on a terrorism watch list.

As lawmakers returned to work a day after the rampage killed five people and injured at least 30, British Prime Minister Theresa May vowed: "We are not afraid."

"Today we meet as normal — as generations have done before us, and as future generations will continue to do," she said to cheers in the House of Commons.

Daesh claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack, which police said was carried out by Khalid Masood, a U.K.-born resident of the West Midlands in central England.

Masood plowed a rented SUV into pedestrians on London's Westminster Bridge, killing an American man and a British woman and injuring more than 30 people.

A 75-year-old victim on the bridge died late Thursday of his wounds, police said. He fatally stabbed a police officer inside the gates of Parliament.

Some of the victims were identified as Kurt Cochran, 54, of Utah and British school administrator Aysha Frade, 43 and 48-year-old Constable Keith Palmer, a 15-year veteran of the Metropolitan Police.

Police arrested eight people on suspicion of preparing terrorist acts as authorities sought Masood's motive and possible support network.

One arrest was in London, while the others were in the West Midlands city of Birmingham. Police said they were searching properties in Birmingham, London and Wales.

As police investigated, Parliament got back to business, opening the day with a minute's silence for the victims.

May set the tone in the House of Commons, saluting the heroism of police and the ordinary actions of everyone who went about their lives in the aftermath.

"It is in these actions — millions of acts of normality — that we find the best response to terrorism. A response that denies our enemies their victory, that refuses to let them win." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Security tighter in Belgium after frightening incident

Belgian authorities tightened security Thursday in the port city of Antwerp after a Frenchman drove his car at high speed through a busy shopping area, forcing pedestrians to jump out of the way.

French President Francois Hollande compared the incident to the attack in London that left five people dead Wednesday, saying the Frenchman was "trying to kill people or create a dramatic event."

The federal prosecutor's office said the car was intercepted late Thursday morning at the port docks and police arrested a man, identified as 39-year-old Mohamed R., who has been living in France.

In the car, authorities found knives, a shotgun and a gas can with an unknown liquid. An official at the prosecutor's office, who asked not to be identified, said the suspect "was under the influence." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Trump is nothing if not obsessed with all things big'

Rosemary Westwood has relocated from Canada to the U.S. She chronicles her observations.

Some questions, you'd think, shouldn't need to be asked. For instance, "Is America's military big enough?" And yet, the New York Times this week dutifully asked the question, since the president of the United States not only considered it — or perhaps, overheard it on conservative talk radio — and answered yes.

As it is, the U.S.'s $596 billion military budget is greater than the next seven countries combined. Past presidents have beefed up military spending for actual wars. Donald Trump appears happy to beef up spending for imagined ones, or for posturing, or, perhaps, just to make the military bigger. Enter his recently released "skinny" budget, which is, you understand, an old Washington term related to a lack of detail, and not a reference to its lack of muscle. It's very robust. Extra tough. Super strong(™).

The New Yorker dubbed it his "Voldemort" budget.

It would, among other things, defund Meals on Wheels, cut support for affordable housing in cities, shrink the Education Department's budget, throw pretty much every federal arts program out the Air Force One window, and thrust an extra $54 billion towards military spending. In the same breath, the White House is hoping to relieve 24 million Americans of their health care coverage under its proposed American Health Care Act.

Trump is not, it turns out, simply "doing everything he promised," because that included making life better for many of his devoted voters, and, at one point, promising a health care plan that would cover every single American.

Instead, with now trademark-inconsistency, he's coated a dovish American-First rhetoric around the exact opposite: a hyper-militarized vision of the country.

Under Trump's leadership, "Is America's military big enough?" becomes a rhetorical question, with the same mindless worship of size.

Trump is nothing if not obsessed with all things big.

He's lied about the number of floors in Trump buildings, so they appear taller. He exaggerated the size of his electoral win, and then exaggerated his inauguration day crowd. "Big league" is a favourite phrase. His 2008 book was called "Think Big."

He even wants to appear, physically, big. Since Trump took office, many have missed not only Barack Obama the man, but also his taste in suits, compared to Trump's '80's era shoulder pads tailoring reminiscent of a tent.

If Trump gets his way, and there are big cuts to health, education, arts, and programs supporting the elderly, disabled and poor, and a big boost to military spending, something else is bound to be equally big: the damage.

IN BRIEF

Trump takes gamble on health care vote

Abandoning negotiations, President Donald Trump on Thursday demanded a make-or-break vote on health care legislation in the House, threatening to leave "Obamacare" in place and move on to other issues if Friday's vote fails. The move, part gamble and part threat, was presented to GOP lawmakers Thursday night after a long and intense day that saw a planned vote on the health care bill scrapped. At the end of it Trump was ready to vote and move on, said budget director Mick Mulvaney. AP

Africa has worst hunger crisis in 70 years, UN says

FAMINE

Trump's plan to cut aid will up suffering: Spokesman

Africa faces the world's largest humanitarian crisis since 1945, with more than 20 million people facing starvation, and any cut in funding to humanitarian agencies working in famine-affected areas will cause untold suffering, a spokesman for the World Food Program said in Johannesburg Thursday, responding to questions about U.S. President Donald Trump's proposal to cut $10 billion in foreign aid.

"Any cuts at this time are extremely significant, not just for us but for any UN agencies and any aid organization," said David Orr, WFP's Africa spokesman, at a media briefing in Johannesburg. "With the magnitude of needs at the moment it is vital that we continue with a high level of assistance."

Thousands of people fleeing the parched countryside arrive daily at a makeshift camp on the outskirts of Baidoa in southwestern Somalia. GETTY IMAGES

The current hunger crisis is in three African countries, South Sudan, Somalia and Nigeria, as well as nearby Yemen.

The U.S. is WFP's largest donor and was one of the organization's founders. Last year it contributed more than $2 billion, representing about 24 per cent of WFP's total budget, Orr said.

UN operations in South Sudan, Somalia, Yemen and Nigeria will require more than $5.6 billion this year, he said. At least $4.4 billion is needed by the end of March to avert a catastrophe, he said, but so far the U. has only received $90 million.

"The more dramatic cuts in any aid budgets, the more the number of debts, the more suffering there is going to be," Orr said.

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South Sudan accused of ignoring famine

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres accused South Sudan's government on Thursday of refusing to express "any meaningful concern" about the plight of 100,000 people suffering from famine, 7.5 million in need of humanitarian aid and thousands more fleeing fighting.

The UN chief delivered a sharp rebuke to the country's president, Salva Kiir, saying that most often the international community hears denials — "a refusal by the leadership to even acknowledge the crisis or to fulfil its responsibilities to end it."

There were high hopes that South Sudan would have peace and stability after its independence from neighbouring Sudan in 2011. But the country plunged into ethnic violence in December 2013 when forces loyal to Kiir, a Dinka, started battling those loyal to Riek Machar, his former vice-president who is a Nuer. A peace deal signed in August 2015 has not stopped the fighting and the three-year civil war has devastated the country, killed tens of thousands, and contributed to a famine in two counties.

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SOMALIA CRISIS

Leader pleads for global help to avert starvation

Somalia's president said Thursday that almost half his country's people are facing acute food shortages and about 15 per cent are facing famine, and he urged the world to help.

Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed told the UN Security Council that Somalis are proud and resilient and would be the last to ask for help, but drought has spawned a humanitarian crisis that could threaten recent political and security gains.

The UN said Wednesday that the $864 million UN humanitarian appeal for Somalia is only 31 per cent funded. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THIS WEEKEND

TREK THROUGH TRANSYLVANIA

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HOW DID THIS CHICKEN GET SO BIG?

Despite what you may have read on the Internet, gigantic chickens are nothing to be afraid of. The chicken in that viral video from Kosovo belongs to a very large breed called the Brahma. How did it get that big? The usual way: selective breeding. Here's how it works.

HISTORY

Brahmas are believed to have been bred from Cochins, a preposterously fluffy, massive breed from South Asia. A craze for Brahmas and other giant chickens swept the western world in the mid-1800s, according to poultry historian Andrew Lawler.

ARTIFICIAL SELECTION

Like humans, chickens have two copies of all their genes, one from each parent. Say there's a single gene that causes giant-ness in chickens. Possibly, some giants may have just one copy of the gene, while others have two. If farmers breed giant chickens only with other giants over many generations, eventually all chicks will reliably be giant. That means the whole flock is **homozygous**: They all have two copies of the giant gene, and all their future chicks will too. This is called **breeding true**.

DIVERSITY

The wild relatives of modern chickens, **red junglefowl**, gifted today's pluckers with incredible genetic diversity. Chickens come in an astounding variety of shapes, sizes and colours. All those differences result from variations in DNA between chicken breeds and individual chickens. A 2004 study found chickens have six to seven times more genetic diversity than humans do.

NATURAL SELECTION

Sometimes a particular genetic trait will help a species survive and reproduce better. That trait will tend to become more common over time. That's **natural selection**. But for centuries, humans have interfered with this process, breeding chickens for traits they want to see. That's **artificial selection**.

FINDINGS
Your week in science

DINOSAUR DUST-UP
Since the 1800s, we've divided dinosaurs into two groups. The T. Rex and brontosaurus were in one, and triceratops, duckbills and stegosaurs in another. But a new study of fossils from 75 species says we should scrap that system. In the new family tree, the T. Rex is more closely related to the duckbill and the brontosaurus is a distant cousin.

HEART HEALTHY SALAD
An American team has turned spinach leaves into something that looks and works a lot like real, beating heart tissue. They replaced plant cells with heart cells, relying on the leaf's "veins" for structure.

SOUND SMART

DEFINITION
Catabolism is the process of breaking down complex, large molecules into smaller ones, usually releasing energy at the same time. Turning food into energy is a process of **catabolism**.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Deborah is hopping up and down because she just got a burst of energy from the fast **catabolism** of all the sugar she ate.

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

The biological computers of the future

Will we really soon have computers made of DNA?

Teams all over the world are working on quantum computers. Through the magic of quantum physics, one day these babies may be able to routinely handle files the size of 40,000 videos and run fast enough to break all the encryption methods that currently exist. (Encryption is just a fancy way of saying "giving a computer a number so big that it gets stumped.")

If quantum computers come together the way scientists at Google and the Canadian Institute for Quantum Computing are hoping, we're going to need some better technology for information storage.

There aren't enough hard disks in the world for all that data.

Enter the storage molecule of the future: DNA. If you were to uncoil all the DNA in all the cells in your body, it would reach past the edge of our solar system. All that is small enough to fit inside you!

DNA contains information: A sequence of acids represented by the letters A, C, T and G. Scientists have already managed translating DNA sequences into binary code, the basic language all our computers speak.

DNA persists for thousands of years, meaning our data could be kept secure and accessible in perpetuity, unlike that box of floppy disks in your basement.

It's a moonshot. We're nowhere near figuring out how to write information onto DNA and read it back out in an accurate, reliable and speedy manner. But I have confidence we'll get there.

It's like landing humans on Mars. I have faith that (crazy!) day will come, too. The hopeful march forward is what science is all about.

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Mighty morphin back to a '90s phenomenon

ACTION

Latest reboot combines big spectacle with cerebral drama

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

To paraphrase Mark Twain, there's no such thing as a new idea. Instead, as the great American humorist insisted, we only twist old ideas into curious new combinations.

Of all things, that's just what has happened to Power Rangers.

In the 1990s, the Japanese-influenced live-action series about a quintet of teens who achieve the ability to morph into superheroes not only captivated young minds, it grew into a global marketing phenomenon and the most-watched children's program on American television.

"I'm excited to see how people receive the film," admitted Australian actor Dacre Montgomery, who plays the team-leading Red Ranger in the reboot. "I think it is a good representation of where we're at in the world at the moment and it's good that it has an opportunity to come back to life."

For those who recall, there wasn't anything fancy about the original series — just a bunch of costumed martial-arts stuntmen groaning and duelling with goofy rubber monsters on cheap-looking sets. In the age of the big-screen blockbuster however, Power Rangers is ready for an impressive effects makeover on par with Marvel hits like The Avengers and Guardians of the Galaxy.

"This film draws a fine line between those other movies," explained Montgomery."Those visceral, intelligent, complex movies that are so beautiful to watch and the big superhero spectacles — and hopefully combines them in such an effective way that we can engage (fans) on an even deeper level than other superhero franchises."

Another way the reboot attempts to carve itself a piece of the comic-book movie market is through inclusivity.Whereas the old show was a campy mess of non-stop action, producers aimed to ensure the new squad resonated with today's teens by providing depth and proving how our differences can maximize our full potential when fully united.

"All of the Marvel and DC worlds — they're not as diverse as this cast is," added Montgomery.

"We are legitimately from different corners of the planet, each of the cast members, and although we don this American accent, we all bring different cultural elements of our backgrounds of upbringing to those roles which makes it an even more diverse and interesting dynamic."

RJ Cyler (Billy), Naomi Scott (Kimberly) Ludi Lin (Zack), Dacre Montgomery (Jason), and Becky G (Trini), star in the new Power Rangers movie. CONTRIBUTED

Power Rangers isn't the only phenomenon Montgomery has been fortunate to find himself in during his short career. Following production, the 22-year-old was cast in last year's most buzzed-about show – Stranger Things.

"I feel like a bit of a nerdy fan on-set every single day," said Montgomery, currently filming as the antagonist in the second season.

"Enjoying that world has been a lot of fun and exactly what I was seeking in contrast to Power Rangers."

INSPIRED BY TRUE EVENTS

Sweet side of Ford is missing in Filth

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Actor Pat Thornton does what the Toronto Police could never do. He nails Rob Ford, providing a chaotic and quite perfect impersonation of the late mayor of Toronto.

Four years ago, sitting in the back of a darkened car watching the crack video on an iPhone with colleague Robyn Doolittle, I felt like we were in a cheap crime drama.

Late-night phone calls. Coffee. Drive to a prescribed location. Wait. Small talk. Wait. Get into car with strange man. Get driven to a parking lot. Convince a drug-and-gun dealer to show video of Toronto's top politician smoking a rock of crack.

The Rob-Ford-on-crack video we saw that night is the one Thornton has brought to the screen as Mayor Tom Hogg in the movie Filth City. Out of his mind on drugs for most of the film, wheezing, screaming, lecherous, crude and yet quite messianic in his desire to save taxpayers money.

Missing from his characterization of the mayor is what I came to understand as the sweet side of Ford — his actions tormented his family, but he did love them; among Ford Nation he was pretty much a deity.

That's why Ford Nation was so angry that the cops and media were after him. This Hogg has no family, but he does have a sidekick he calls "Bro," a more sympathetic, though less loyal, character than the real Doug Ford, brother of Rob.

Pat Thornton plays Tom Hogg in Filth City. HANDOUT

What is not missing from the movie is the crack, and lots of it. The cops do crack. Mayor Hogg does crack. Oh, and the guns.

In Filth City all of the crazy rumours we reporters heard on the chase come to life: The suitcase full of cash in return for the video — in the movie, yes; never happened in real life. Cops on the side of the mayor, working aggressively to find the video to destroy it — unfounded scuttlebutt in the Ford case and, at the end of the day, it was the then-chief Bill Blair who confirmed the video's existence six months after Robyn and I first saw it.

As in real life, the movie's star is the crack video itself. And like mayor Ford, Mayor Hogg had a simple plan. "I'm gonna work my ass off to be the best goddamn mayor of all time!"

Apart from the carnage in Filth City, it works out a great deal better for this mayor than it did for ours.

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With Personal Shopper, misery loves company

PERSONAL SHOPPER

French director praises Kristen Stewart in their second film

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Ghostbusting is supposed to make you feel good. If that's true, why does Personal Shopper's Maureen (played by Kristen Stewart) appear so miserable all the time? Perhaps it's because the spirit she is trying to bust is that of her brother Lewis, a twin who died of a heart attack in a rambling, old Paris house.

In her second film with French director Olivier Assayas, the Twilight star gives a career topping performance, brittle yet calm in the face of mounting terror.

There is a detached feel to the performance that recalls the remove Hitchcock's leading ladies often projected as she navigates through personal tragedy and supernatural mystery.

"Kristen is the great actress of her generation," says Assayas. "I feel very privileged to have this connection with her. It is miraculous to work with a young actress who realizes there is no end to what she can do. You tell her, 'You can fly,' and she doesn't believe it and then she does it.

"I have always loved to work with young actors and actresses. You catch them at a moment when they are transforming and opening up. I think it is always interesting to work with actors when you can give them something. When you work with great actors who have done it all, it is very difficult because you give them something that they have already done better in another movie ten years before."

Their previous collaboration, Clouds of Sils Maria, earned Stewart a rare honour.

She was the first American actress to be nominated for and win a best supporting actress César award, the French equivalent of an Oscar.

"She is obsessed with breaking anything that could feel like routine," he says.

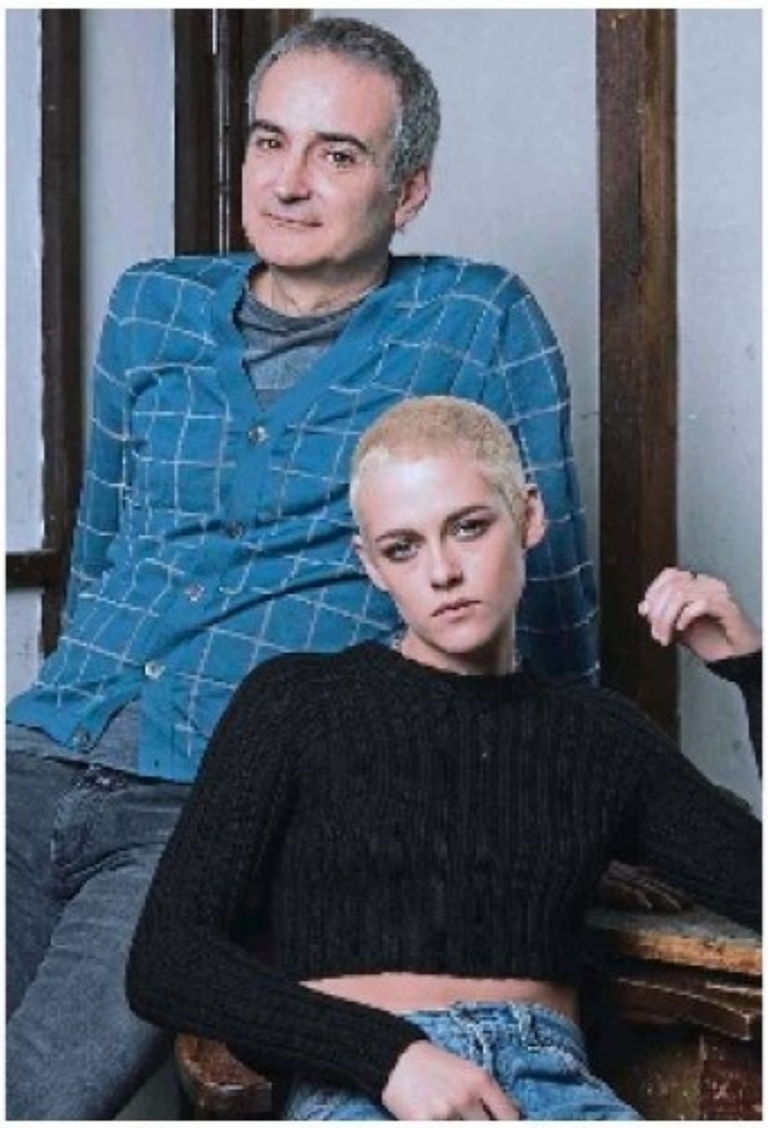
"She gives herself this rule of not doing what she would instinctively do. When you do a scene there is an obvious starting place. She never takes it. That's what I love. As a writer I don't want to see what I imagined, I want to see an actor who takes it, who appropriates it and does something else with it. That's when it becomes real and human."

"Usually I work with actors once, twice and after a while I realize we've gone all the way. With Kristen I think I could go on and on."

Personal Shopper is a ghost story, so things take a strange turn when Maureen's phone lights up with mysterious texts while she's on a quick Chunnel trip to London. "R U real? R U alive or dead?" she writes, replying to the Unknown texter. "Tell me something you find unsettling," comes the response, opening the door for Maureen to begin exploring her fears, phobias, digging deeper than she ever has.

"I don't believe in the supernatural but I believe there is more to life than the material world. Science kind of proves it. There is so much going on that we can't see because it is too small or too big or whatever. We have our own relationship with some invisible world. Each of us has his own version of it. You end up living with the departed.

"Each of us has an inner world which is much more complex than the material world. It's much more fascinating in terms of cinema. I don't think it is bizarre to try and connect with that."



Director Olivier Assayas, known for his cerebral films that teeter between fiction and reality, says Kristen Stewart has great instincts. AP

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Life	★★★★
Power Rangers	★★
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Wilson	★★
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HOW RATING WORKS	
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Judy Greer roots for Harrelson

Judy Greer wrote a charming, self-depreciating book called I Don't Know What You Know Me From: Confessions of a Co-Star that chronicles her busy career as the second lead in dozens of movies and television shows like Jurassic World, Ant-Man, Arrested Development and It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia.

She is, as her twitter bio reads, "that girl from that movie/tv show," a familiar face on screens big and small. If you can't place the face, perhaps you'll recognize the voice. One of her longest running roles has her voicing the clingy and emotionally fragile Cheryl Tunt on the wildly popular adult animated spy sitcom Archer. For Greer herself the show has provided a career highpoint.

"I got to sign someone's boobs at Comic-Con last year," she says. "I think you've really made it if you have your own action figure and people want you to sign their boobs."

There are other perks as well.

"I went to a dinner party recently, now I'm about to name drop, and Jon Hamm was there. He played a role on Archer but we don't record together so I never get to meet anyone who does it. When I saw him he said, 'God, I love your work on Archer and I love Archer so much I just wanted to be in it.' That was so cool. That was a highlight. Jon Hamm and the boob signing."

Her latest film, Wilson, gave her the chance to meet another of her favourite actors.

"I'm looking to work with people who inspire me. I'm pretty happy with the roles I'm getting and I just want to work with more of my idols. I definitely checked that box with Woody (Harrelson)."

In the film Greer plays Shelly, a dog sitter who is one of the only people who finds the offbeat title character charming.

"There are a handful of actors who couldn't play this role because you would hate them all the way through to the end. Woody himself is so lovely and wonderful that in the beginning when Wilson is kind of terrible Woody makes you root for him.

"After I saw the movie I found myself wanting to spend more time talking to people who irritate me," she says. "Maybe that person is a Wilson and Wilson is great. I would want to hear Wilson's opinion about things. Maybe I'm shutting people down too quickly. Maybe I need to give people who have strong opinions a little bit more of a minute in my life. Maybe there is something to be learned from them."

The effervescent 41-year-old, who will next be seen in War for the Planet of the Apes, laughs when she says, "I felt strongly that (director) Craig (Johnson]) would be making a huge mistake by not casting me."

RICHARD CROUSE/FOR METRO

Judy Greer says working on Wilson made her want to spend more time with people who irritate her. HANDOUT

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Bokeh Fri-Thu 4-9 **CHIPs** Fri-Thu 1:35-4:10-6:40-9:05 **Get Out** Fri-Thu 1:45-4:05-7:-9:30 **Goon: Last of the Enforcers** Fri-Thu 4:15-9:10 **Hidden Figures** Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:45-9:25 Kedi Fri-Thu 1:30-7 **Life** Fri-Thu 1:25-3:45-6:45-9:10 **Lion** Fri-Thu 1:40-6:35 **A Man Called Ove** Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:30-9 **Manchester by the Sea** Fri-Thu 4:15-9:20 **O, Brazen Age Fri-**Thu 2-7 **The Room** Sat 11 **Saban's Power Rangers** Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-6:35-9:20

Scotiabank Theatre, 259 Richmond
Beauty and the Beast Fri 12:30-3:25-6:30-9:35 Sat 12:30-1:25-3:25-4:25-6:30-9:35 Sun 12:30-12:50-3:25-3:50-6:30-7-9:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:25-6:30-9:35;3D Fri 12:50-1:25-3:50-4:25-7-7:30-10:05-10:35 Sat 12:50-3:50-7-7:30-10:05-10:35 Sun 1:25-4:25-7:30-10:35 Mon-Thu 12:50-1:25-3:50-4:25-7-7:30-10:05-10:35
CHIPs Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5:10-7:45-10:10 Mon-Tue 2-4:40-7:25-10 Wed 12:25-3-6:50-10 Thu 2-4:40-7:25-10 **Ghost in the Shell** 3D Thu 7-10 **Goon: Last of the Enforcers** Fri-Sun 12:30-3-5:35-8:10-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:05-6:40-9:10 **John Wick: Chapter 2** Fri 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat 7:20-10:20 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:20-10:15 **Kong: Skull Island** Fri-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:25-3:15-6:20-9:20; 3D Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:35 **The LEGO Batman Movie** Fri-Sun 2:25 Mon-Thu 3:40; 3D Fri-Sun 12-4:55-7:25 Mon-Thu 1-7 Life Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:05-9:45; IMAX Fri-Sat 12:15-2:50-5:25-8-10:40 Sun 12:20-2:50-5:25-8-10:40 Mon-Wed 2:10-4:55-7:40-10:20 Thu 1:10-4 **Logan** Fri-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:45-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45-9:55 Fri-Thu 12:40-3:55-7:10-10:25 **Rogue One** Fri 12:10 Mon-Tue 12:25-6:50 Wed 12:25 Thu 12:25-6:50; 3D Fri 3:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 9:50 Mon-Thu 3:20-9:50 **Split** Mon 9:30 Tue-Wed 10 Thu 9:30

Market Square, 80 Front St.
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Varsity, 55 Bloor St. W.
Beauty and the Beast Fri-Thu 4:10 Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 11; 3D Fri-Thu 1-7:20-10:25 Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 **I Am Not Your Negro** Fri 12:50-3:50-6:30-9:35 Sat-Sun 10:35-12:50-3:50-6:30-9:35 Mon 12:40-3-9:35 Tue 12:50-3:50-6:30-9:35 Wed 12:40-3:50-9:35 Thu 12:50-3:50-6:30-9:35 **Kong: Skull Island** Fri 4:20 Sat-Sun 10:35-4:20 Mon-Thu 4:20; 3D Fri-Thu 1:25-7:15-10:15 **Logan** Fri-Thu 12:20-3:35-6:50-10:05 **Moonlight** Fri-Thu 12:15-3-6-9 **The Second Time Around** Fri 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:45 Sat-Sun 10:30-1:10-4-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:45 **The Sense of an Ending** Fri 2-4:50-7:35-10:20 Sat-Sun 10:30-2-4:50-7:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 2-4:50-7:35-10:20 **T2 Trainspotting** Fri 12:35-1:35-3:30-4:30-6:25-7:25-9:20-10:20 Sat-Sun 10:40-12:35-1:35-3:30-4:30-6:25-7:25-9:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 12:35-1:35-3:30-4:30-6:25-7:25-9:20-10:20 Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10

Yonge & Dundas, 10 Dundas St.
Badrinath Ki Dulhania Fri 1:40-4:45-7:50-10:55 Sat-Sun 10:40-1:40-4:45-7:50-10:55 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:45 **Ballerina** Fri 2-4:20 Sat-Sun 11:50-2-4:20 **Beauty and the Beast** Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:45-3:25-6:20-9:30 Fri-Sat 12-3:15-6:30-9:45 Sun-Mon 11:45-3-6:15-9:30 Tue 11:45-3:15-6:30-9:45 Wed 11:45-3-6:15-9:30 Thu 12:30-4-7:30-10:45; 3D Fri 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:50 Sat-Sun 10:40-1:40-4:40-7:45-10:50 Mon-Thu 1-4:10-7:15-10:20 Fri-Sat 1-4:15-7:30-10:45 Sun-Mon 12:45-4-7:15-10:20 Tue 1-4:15-7:30-10:45 Wed 12:45-4-7:15-10:20 Thu 11:30-2:15-6-9:05 Fri 2:10-5:10-8:10-11:15 Sat-Sun 11-2:10-5:10-8:10-11:15 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:40-10:45; IMAX 3D Fri-Sun 1:10-7:15-10:20 Mon-Thu 12:30-6:45-9:50; IMAX 2D Fri-Sun 4:10 Mon-Thu 3:40 Before I Fall Fri-Sun 6:50-9:10 Mon 9:55 Tue 6:50-9:10 Wed 9:55 **Bluebeard** Fri-Sun 3:50-9:30 Mon-Wed 4:05-9:30 Thu 4:10-9:30 **The Boss Baby** 3D Thu 6:50-9:20 **A Dog's Purpose** Fri 1:20 Sat-Sun 11:30-2 **Facing Darkness** Thu 7 **Get Out** Fri 1:30-6-8:40-11:20 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:15-6-8:40-11:20 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:30-7-9:45 Fri 11:30-5-8-11:15 Sat 8-11:15 Sun-Mon 11:30-4:45-7:45-10:45 Tue 11:30-5-8-11 Wed 11:30-4:45-7:45-10:45 Thu 3:30 **Ghost in the Shell** 3D Thu 7-10 **Heroes Manufactured** Fri 5:05-7-9:15-11:15 Sat-Sun 12-2-4-6-8-10 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:40-6:40-8:40-10:40 **Hidden Figures** Fri 1:55-4:50-7:55-10:50 Sat-Sun 1-3:55-7-9:55 Mon-Thu 7-9:55 **Kong: Skull Island** 3D Fri-Sat 12:30-3:45-7-10:15 Sun-Mon 12:15-3:30-6:45-10 Tue 12:15-3:45-7-10:15 Wed 12:15-3:30-6:45-10 Thu 11:50-2:45-5:45-9 **La La Land** Fri 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon 6:50-10:30 Tue-Thu 7:30-10:30 **The Last Word** Fri 1:20-6:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-6:40 Mon-Wed 1:25-6:50 Thu 1:30-6:50 **Lion** Fri 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30 **Logan** Fri 1:30-2:30-6-9:15 Sat 1:30-4:45-6-9:15 Sun-Mon 1:15-2:15-5:45-9 Tue 1:15-2:30-6-9:15 Wed 1:15-2:15-5:45-9 Thu 1-4:30-8-11:15 **Love Live! Sunshine! Aqours First Love Live! Step! ZERO to ONE** Mon 6:30 Wed 6:30 **Phillauri** Fri 2-5-8-11 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:10-9:10 Mon-Tue 1:40-4:30-6:30-9:30 Wed 1:40-4:30-6:50-9:30 Thu 1:40-4:30-6:30-9:30 **Saban's Power Rangers** Fri 1:20-2-3:20-4:15-6:30-7:30-9:45-10:45 Sat-Sun 10:30-12:15-1:20-3:20-4:15-6:30-7:30-9:45-10:45 Mon-Wed 1:25-1:45-3:50-4:40-6:30-7:30-9:45-10:45 Thu 1:25-3:50-4:40-6:30-7:30-9:45-10:45 **Sword Art Online the Movie Event** Fri 2-4:40-7:20-10 Sat 7 Sun 3:30 Mon 1:40-4:20 Tue 2-4:40-7:20 Wed 1:40 Thu 2-4:30-9:40 **A United Kingdom** Fri-Sun 4:30-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10 **Wilson** Fri 1:30-4-6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:50 Mon-Wed 1:35-4-6:50-9:50 Thu 4-6:50-9:50

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NORTH YORK

Empress Walk, 5095 Yonge St.
Beauty and the Beast Fri-Sun 3:50 Mon-Thu 4; 3D Fri 12:50-7-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:40-7-10:05 Mon 7-10 Tue 7:05-10 Wed-Thu 7-10; IMAX Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:35 Mon 4:35-7:35-10:35 Tue 4:30-7:35-10:35 Wed-Thu 4:35-7:35-10:35 **Bluebeard** Fri 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:25 Sat 7:40-10:25 Sun 12:50-3:30-6:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:45-10:30 **CHiPs** Fri 12:40-3:05-5:30-7:55-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:50-5:25-7:55-10:30 Mon 5-7:55-10:25 Tue 5:05-7:50-10:20 Wed-Thu 5-7:55-10:25 **Goon: Last of the Enforcers** Fri-Sun 10:35 Mon 9:40 Tue 9:35 Wed-Thu 9:40 **Kong: Skull Island** Fri-Sun 4 Mon 4:25 Tue 4:20 Wed-Thu 4:25; 3D Fri 1:10-7:10-10:10 Sat 1:10-7:10-10 Sun 1:10-7:10-9:55 Mon 7:20-10:10 Tue 7:15-10:15 Wed-Thu 7:20-10:10 **La La Land** Fri 6:50-10 Sat 6:30-9:30 Sun 3:20-6:40-9:30 Mon 3:55-6:50-9:50 Tue 3:50-6:45-9:45 Wed-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:50 **The LEGO Batman Movie** Fri 1-8:05 Sat-Sun 12:20-8:05 Mon 6:50 Tue 6:40 Wed-Thu 6:50; 3D Fri 3:30 Sat-Sun 3-5:35 Mon 4:15 Tue 4:10 Wed-Thu 4:15 **Life** Fri 1:40-4:10-6:40-9:35 Sat 12:30-3:10-6:30-9:20 Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon 5:05-8-10:35 Tue 5-7:55-10:35 Wed-Thu 5:05-8-10:35 **Logan** Fri 12:30-3:40-6:30-9:45 Sat 1-4:10-6:40-9:50 Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:50 Mon 4:05-7:10-10:15 Tue 3:50-6:55-10:10 Wed-Thu 4:05-7:10-10:15 **Saban's Power Rangers** Fri-Sat 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:15 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon 4:40-7:30-10:20 Tue 4:40-7:30-10:25 Wed-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:20

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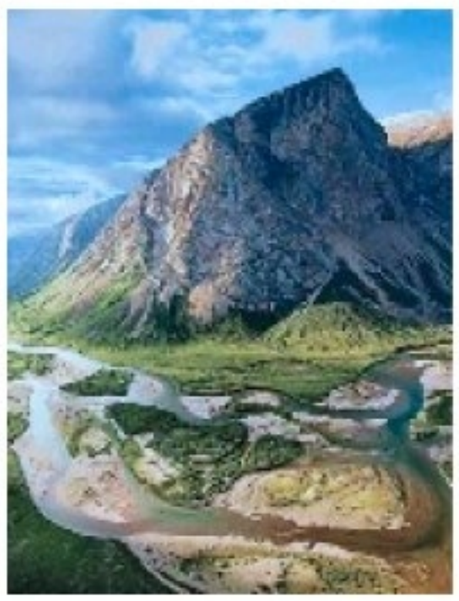
5 THINGS TO SEE IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

People have been exploring Newfoundland and Labrador for around 10,000 years, starting with the earliest hunters and gatherers, the Paleo-Indians. Vikings were the first Europeans to arrive, followed by adventurers from England, Portugal, France and Spain. Today, visitors come from around the world to discover the scenery, sample the culinary offerings and take in the wealth of cultural experiences. Here are 10 things to see and do in the province known as The Rock.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1 Cultural centerpiece

The brand new Illusuak Cultural Centre will celebrate Labrador Inuit culture, language, traditions, stories and experiences when it opens this summer in Nain, Nunatsiavut's largest and most northern community and the gateway to Torngat Mountains National Park.



2 Torngat Mountains National Park

For centuries, Torngat Mountains National Park's fjords, valleys and towering peaks have drawn Inuit hunters and fishermen. Home to seals, whales, wolves, foxes, eagles, caribou, muskoxen and polar and black bears, it also attracts hikers and kayakers on wilderness camping excursions

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3 Whale watching

Twenty-two species of whales, from minke to orca to humpback, frolic along these shores from May to September. You can see them, and even small harbour porpoises, from tour boats and sea kayaks, and even just by walking along the beaches and coastal trails.

NOT A TOURIST | A letter from Mark Stachiew

Tracing Newfoundland's Viking settlers

A sod longhouse at L'Anse aux Meadows shows how Vikings would have lived a thousand years ago. MARK STACHIEW/FOR METRO

After visiting the only known Viking settlement in North America, we learned to appreciate the struggles that the New World's first immigrants faced a thousand years ago just to find this place and then to survive in its harsh environment.

We hiked out into the low, scrubby landscape at L'Anse aux Meadows, N.L. to visit the remnants of their seaside settlement, but were underwhelmed to see that it was not much more than a small collection of grassy mounds. That disappointment vanished quickly as our Parks Canada guide brought the story of those mounds to life. He explained how the Vikings smelted iron from the bogs to make nails to repair their ships and struggled to survive at that spot for several years until they eventually abandoned it.

Adjacent to the actual national historic site, is a sod longhouse, peopled with costumed re-enactors who demonstrated how the Vikings lived, giving sense to what life might have been like there a millennium ago.

Not far away from L'Anse aux Meadows is Norstead where we got to visit a larger recreation of a Viking settlement. It's not affiliated with Parks Canada, but it had a larger collection of sod houses with more Viking re-enactors, Its most impressive attraction was the Snorri, a replica of a Viking ship that was sailed to Norstead from Greenland to mark the 1,000th anniversary of Leif Erikson's voyage, giving us an even greater appreciation of the dangers the Vikings took to leave their homes in search of a better life elsewhere and reminding us that immigrants to this land are still taking risks to get here.

4 Cultural events

The Newfoundland and Labrador Folk Festival in St. John's is designated as a fully accessible cultural event. The lively weekend of traditional music and interactive workshops, with open jam sessions, dance lessons and arts and crafts, draw musicians and an audience that spans generations. This year's even runs Aug. 4-6.

If literature floats your boat, writers at Woody Point brings writers, musicians and artisans together to inspire visitors amid the outdoor setting of Gros Morne National Park and in historic and intimate venues in the town of Woody Point. This year's festival runs Aug. 15-20.

5 The Screech Room

You can buy Newfoundland Screech Rum all over the world but only here can we become honorary Newfoundlanders via a "Screech-In." St. John's is the only place with a 1850s-style Screech Room (in the Masonic Temple) where Screech-inspired food, beverage, accessories and activities are righteously feted.

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Alex Ovechkin celebrated the Capitals' Russian Heritage Night with skates bearing Moscow's St. Basil's Cathedral and the U.S. Capitol during warmups

Rookies continue to reap rewards

NHL

Nylander sets Leafs' points streak record by freshman

Franchise rookie records continued to fall as the Toronto Maple Leafs kept on rolling toward the post-season.

Auston Matthews (two assists) and William Nylander (one goal, one assist) had two points apiece as the Leafs picked up their seventh win in the last nine games (7-1-1), a 4-2 victory over the New Jersey Devils on Thursday night. Toronto (85 points) increased their lead over Boston (82) to three points for third spot in the Atlantic Division, the Bruins falling 6-3 at home against Tampa.

Nylander set a franchise rookie mark by extending his points streak to 10 games, while equalling another mark for power-play points. Mitch Marner also matched a club rookie record for assists, setting up James van Riemsdyk's 23rd of the season.

Connor Brown also scored for the Leafs (35-23-15) and Curtis McElhinney made 30 saves to earn the win.

John Moore scored both goals for the Devils (27-34-12) with Keith Kinkaid yielding three goals on 29 shots.

Maple Leafs centre William Nylander celebrates scoring a goal against the Devils on Thursday night. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

THURSDAY At ACC

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Rolling of late and coming off a thorough 5-2 win in Columbus on Wednesday night, the Leafs were faced with a potential trap game against a Devils squad which sat third-last in the NHL and hadn't won on the road since Feb. 4 — a seven game spell. Toronto entered the night a point up on Boston for third spot in the division while holding a game in hand.

Nylander's goal was his 21st of the season. He has 11 goals and 25 points since Feb. 1 to lead the Leafs, totalling 56 points on the season.

Marner assisted on van Riemsdyk's goal, notching his 40th helper of the season to equal Gus Bodnar's rookie mark for assists (1943-44).

Matthews remains one goal from matching Wendel Clark's rookie franchise record of 34 and six points from tying Peter Ihnacak's rookie franchise mark for points (66). His two-point outing against the Devils gave the 19-year-old the third-highest scoring season ever from a Leafs rookie, trailing only Ihnacak and Bodnar (62).

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MARCH MADNESS

Dorsey lifts Ducks past Wolverines

Tyler Dorsey scored 20 points and made the go-ahead layup with 1:08 left, and third-seeded Oregon ended No. 7 Michigan's dramatic post-season run with a 69-68 victory in a Midwest Regional semifinal on Thursday night in Kansas City.

Dorsey, the man the Ducks (32-5) call "Mr. March," had his sixth straight game scoring 20 or more points.

The Wolverines (27-11) had one more chance to extend their run after Dylan Ennis missed a free throw with 15 seconds left. But Derrick Walton, who had carried the Wolverines the last three weeks, was off with his long jumper just before the buzzer.

Canadians Dylan Brooks (Mississauga), the Pac-12 player of the year, added 12 points and Ennis (Brampton) had 10.

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Oregon's Dillon Brooks, left, and D.J. Wilson of Michigan battle for the ball on Thursday. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

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NBA

DeRozan, Raptors turn down Heat

DeMar DeRozan scored 40 points, marking the first time he's had that many in consecutive games, and the Toronto Raptors pulled off their 19th double-digit comeback of the season to beat the Miami Heat 101-84 on Thursday night.

DeRozan shot 14-for-25 from the field and 12-for-13 from the line. He needed 38 shots to score 42 against Chicago on Tuesday.

Norman Powell scored 14 and Delon Wright added 13 for Toronto, which never led until midway through the third quarter. The Raptors allowed 33 points in the first quarter, then held Miami to 35 points over the next 27 minutes.

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Opening arguments

MLB

Was Stroman's WBC showing enough to earn nod for April 3?

Marcus Stroman's performance at the World Baseball Classic could impact the way the Blue Jays set the team's starting rotation for the regular season.

The April 3 season opener in Baltimore is fast approaching and Stroman, who will be back in camp as early as Friday, is coming off six-plus sparkling innings of one-hit work for the U.S. in the World Baseball Classic final on Wednesday, an 8-0 win over Puerto Rico.

While Stroman had an eventful WBC, the immediate question upon his return will centre on which of the Jays' five excellent starters should pitch the opener.

That decision may be announced this weekend.

It would be well deserved if Stroman is the choice. Toronto could just as easily, and justifiably, hand the ball to Marco Estrada, their most consistent pitcher the last two years, J.A. Happ, a 20-game winner last season, or Aaron Sanchez, the American League ERA champion.

The Jays should be naming their opening-day starter any day now. GETTY IMAGES

The Jays have the pleasant task of selecting from five deserving candidates, including lefty Francisco Liriano, who has been very impressive this spring.

Sanchez struck out eight in his last start, and figures to get at least one more start this spring. The Jays have eased off on his preparations, and the potential plan is to have him start the home opener against Milwaukee.

Estrada worked five strong innings, including a stretch of 12 consecutive batters retired, in his start Wednesday in Dunedin, Fla.

Happ has been his usual sharp self, but has thrown just six innings in two starts.

Stroman worked six no-hit innings in the WBC final before giving up a hit to start the seventh. If the season were to start today he would arguably be the most prepared.

Jays manager John Gibbons, before the WBC final, praised Stroman as one of the best, big-game pitchers he's ever seen. That impression was shared by team president Mark Shapiro.

"It's a testament to his ability to rise in a big-game situation," Shapiro said Thursday. "He feeds off the energy and environment that championship games create."

One possible setup for the first week: Stroman on opening day and Liriano two days later in Baltimore, followed by Sanchez, Happ and Estrada in Tampa. That would put Sanchez on schedule to start the April 11 home opener.

Stroman, besides being well-positioned to start the season opener, is on top of the world after his WBC performance.

"I love pitching in these moments," said Stroman, who was off form in a 6-5 loss to Puerto Rico earlier in the tournament. "I feel like the bigger the game, the more I'm able to get up."

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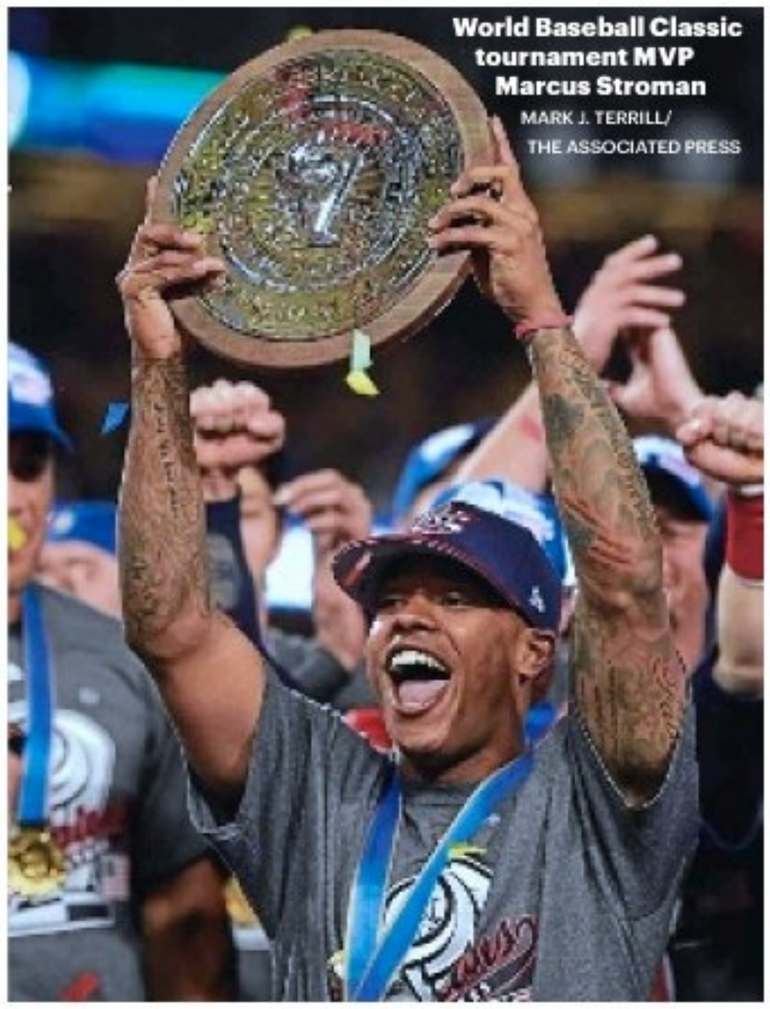
World Baseball Classic tournament MVP Marcus Stroman
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WORLD CUP QUALIFIER ARGENTINA FINALLY SOLVE CHILE
Lionel Messi evades Chile's Jean Beausejour during Thursday night's match at Monumental Stadium in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Messi scored from a penalty in the 16th minute and Argentina held on for a 1-0 win critical to its chances of qualifying for the 2018 World Cup. EITAN ABRAMOVICH/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Wild Match Play in Austin
Soren Kjeldsen and Alex Noren won their groups in the Dell Technologies Match Play, one round before group play is even finished.

Rory McIlroy took the day off, and he's already guaranteed the weekend off.

Thursday was as wild as it gets in this tournament, even without wind ripping so hard through the edge of Hill Country that Phil Mickelson chipped into the water. Holes were won with bogeys. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Homan flawless in round robin at world championship
Canada skip Rachel Homan tuned up for the playoffs in style Thursday by beating Italy and Denmark to remain unbeaten at the world women's curling championship.

Homan closed out round-robin play with a perfect 11-0 record. As the top seed, she will open with the hammer in the Page playoff 1-2 game against Russia's Anna Sidorova on Friday night.

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NFL

Brady jerseys back in New England

Tom Brady's stolen Super Bowl jerseys are back with the New England Patriots.

The jerseys worn by Brady during this year's Super Bowl and the 2015 Super Bowl were returned to Gillette Stadium Thursday, the FBI announced.

Brady's 2017 jersey went missing from the Patriots' locker room after the team's win over the Atlanta Falcons on Feb. 5, touching off an investigation stretching from Boston to the Mexican border.

Tom Brady GETTY IMAGES

Mexican authorities searched the property of Mexican media executive Martin Mauricio Ortega, where they found the jersey, along with a Brady jersey that disappeared after the 2015 Super Bowl. A Denver Broncos helmet also was found.

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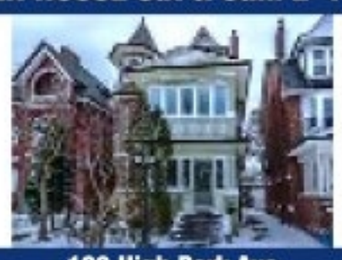

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- 2 tsp lemon zest
- 2 cups spelt four
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- pinch of allspice
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 1/4 cups milk, more if necessary

Directions

1. In a 9-inch, deep skillet, mix blueberries, sugar, water, lemon juice and zest. Bring berry mixture to a boil then reduce to a simmer.

2. Meanwhile, sift flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and allspice into a bowl. Using a pastry cutter, cut in butter until in coarse crumbs. Mix in the milk using a fork until the dough comes together. (Add milk if the dough is too dry)

3. As the blueberries simmer, drop heaping tablespoons of the dough into the berries. Cover with a lid or tinfoil and allow dumplings to cook, about 12 to 15 minutes.

4. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

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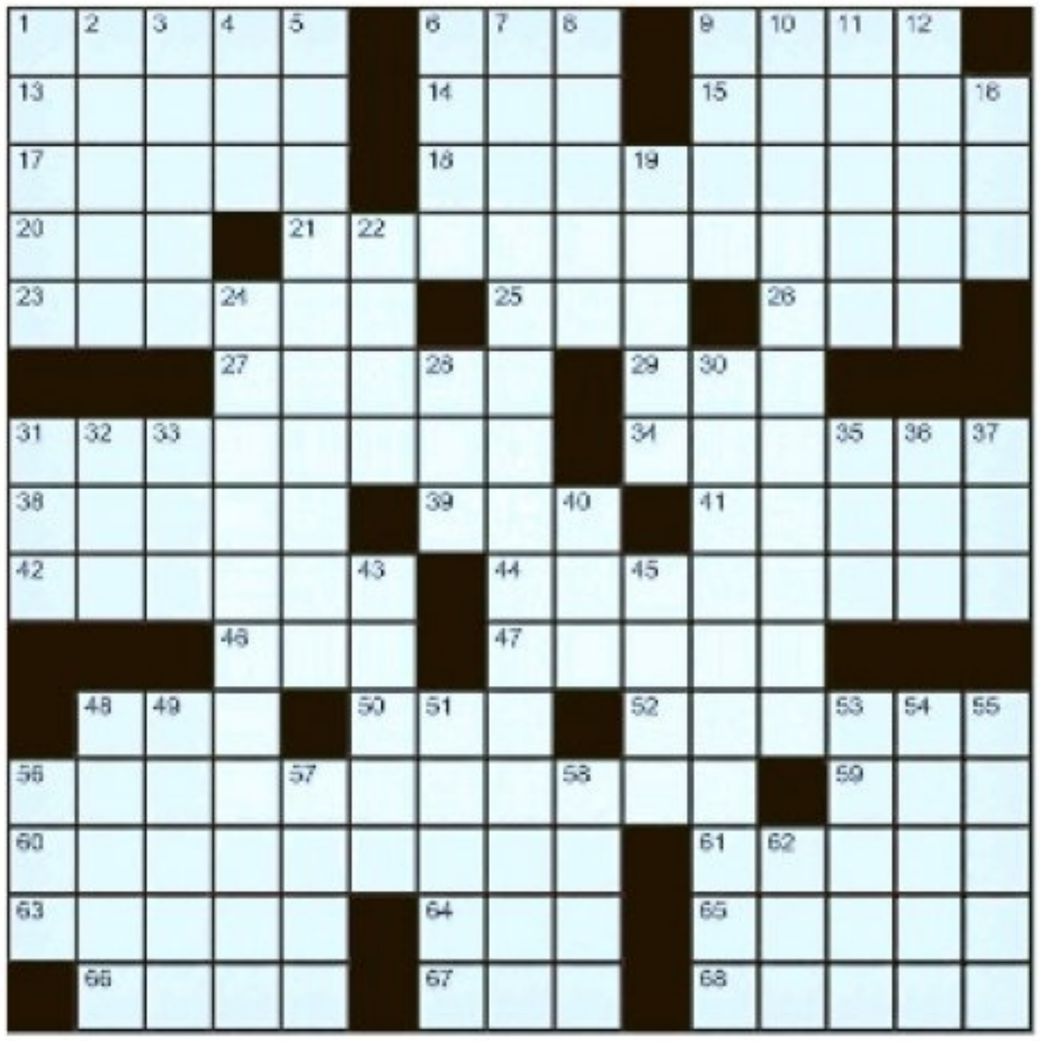

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18. Save a particular attraction for the end of the trip: 2 wds.
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56. When a Cadillac, for instance, turns pink from white, it has undergone one: 3 wds.
59. __ rally
60. Canadian supermodel who is the Brand Director at the Nomad agency: 2 wds.
61. "Why __ you ready yet?" (Get cracking!)
63. Modern English's "_ __ With You"
64. __ Lingus (Ireland's flyer)
65. Gargle
66. Nice notion?
67. 2017 HS grads
68. Concluded

DOWN
1. Gentle as __
2. 'The Flying Finn', Paavo __ (b.1897 - d.1973)
3. Mr. Lythgoe
4. Whitesnake's "Here __ Again"
5. Sight gag: 2 wds.
6. De __ (Again, in Latin)
7. Poetry collection published in 1912 of celebrated Mohawk/English performer E. Pauline Johnson (b.1861 - d.1913): 3 wds.
8. Hassle
9. Airdrie's prov.
10. Gordon Lightfoot's "The Way I Feel" bit: "Like a _ _ _ _ alone and crying" (More at #30-Down)
11. "__ done!"
12. Allayed
16. Farm area
19. Small island
22. Corn dog
24. Striped twirler outside a haircut venue: 2 wds.
28. James of Smashing Pumpkins
30. Verse following the one at #10-Down... "When the birds have flown and the _ _ _ _"
31. Caesar's 700
32. Hearer
33. 'Hect' add-on
35. Colo. neighbour
36. Saloon's stock, shortly
37. Seoul's locale [acronym]
40. Annex
43. __-economic status
45. Dog food brand
48. Ms. Watts
49. Bowed
51. Andes people, once
53. Overturn
54. Crowded
55. Selected
56. Nero's 201
57. Mr. Johnson
58. Smucker's containers
62. __ Tin Tin

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You feel upbeat, confident and happy today. This is wonderful. Just be careful that you do not promise more than you can deliver.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Without question, this is a feel-good day! Enjoy your interactions with others, especially co-workers.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will enjoy talking to younger people today, especially in groups. You will encourage people to think big and embrace ambitious goals.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Conversations with parents and bosses will be uplifting today. Just make sure that you don't bite off more than you can chew.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
It's OK to have your head in the clouds, as long as you keep your feet on the ground. Travel plans look thrilling. Discussions about philosophy, politics and religion will be exciting and stimulating.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a good day to discuss business matters, including those regarding shared property and debt. Do not be overly optimistic; stay in the realm of reality and common sense.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a great day to schmooze with others, because you will attract people who have a youthful, upbeat attitude. Enjoy fun discussions with everyone!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are eager to make big plans at work. Quite possibly, these plans involve travel. Whatever the case, your interactions with co-workers will be friendly and positive.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a great day for sports events, the arts and playful excursions. Fun activities with children will delight. It's also a great date day. Enjoy yourself!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Family discussions will be positive and ambitious today, because you are entertaining big plans.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Because you are in such a positive, winning state of mind, all your communications with others will be successful. This means you are good to go if you sell, market, teach, write or act.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You have ambitious moneymaking ideas today. Just make sure that your plans are doable, because it's easy to go overboard with one's expectations today. Remain realistic.

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